

*Foot bridge at the northern end of the Statue Canal
in Monkomp.*

161. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation from the people of Kavalam for the construction of a foot bridge at the northern end of the Statue Canal in Monkomp otherwise called the Purayattu Canal, Kavalam;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what action has been taken on that representation;

(d) whether the P. W. D., Advisory Committee has approved and sanctioned that work between the years 1116 and 1118 both inclusive; and

(e) if so, why the work is delayed?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (a) Yes.

(b) During 1118.

(c) Preliminary investigation has been made.

(d) Yes.

(e) The work is pending preparation of detailed estimate and sanction thereto.

Karumady Bridge and the approach road.

162. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Karumady Bridge and the approach roads are properly maintained by the Department;

(b) whether planks in the bridge have been damaged at several places;

(c) whether many planks have been lost;

(d) whether they have received any reports from the people for the reconstruction or repairs of the same; and

(e) what action has been taken?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

Agriculturists of Chavara, Panmana and Thevalakkara

163. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government or their local representative has received any reports from the agriculturists of Chavara, Panmana and Thevalakkara pakuthies in Karunagapalli that the Chingom crop is a failure due to want of rain and that they are unable to pay any settlement pattom from the fields, and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Iyer : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know the result of the enquiries?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : The officers have gone to the place and inspected the spot and wherever the conditions were not satisfactory, concessions have been granted.

Transport of Foodgrains.

164. **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have commandeered vallums for the transport of foodgrains,

(b) the number of vallums commandeered and kept in custody for the year 1119 upto 31-12-1119,

(c) whether all of them are being used,

(d) whether any vallums have been rendered useless by their use and returned to the owners,

(e) whether they will pay any compensation or repairing expenses of such vallums rendered useless when they are in the custody of the Government,

(f) whether any discretion in commandeering is made so as not to commandeer the vallums of businessmen and agriculturists who will be put to difficulties, and

(g) whether they have received complaints from owners of vallums, agriculturists and businessmen that they are put to hardships by such commandeering?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (a) Yes.

(b) the number of vallums in Government custody on 31-12-1119 is 580.

(c) Yes.

(d) No. They are temporarily released for repairs when found necessary.

(e) No. The owners get boat hire and the boatmen get their wages during the period that the vallums are in Government use. The question of compensation does not, therefore, arise.

(f) Yes, as far as possible.

(g) A few petitions have been received.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member why compensation is not allowed when the boats are spoiled or rendered useless by the Government?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : Boats are not rendered useless at all and the question of compensation does not, therefore, arise.